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(U) SUMMARY: Indonesian police have raided a suspected militant safe house in Central Java. Media sources have reported that Noordin Top--the suspected mastermind behind the July 17 Jakarta bombings--was killed in a gun battle with police. However, Indonesian officials have not yet confirmed Top's death. In a separate raid, police killed two militants and seized a cache of explosives in a Jakarta suburb. END SUMMARY.

SHOOT-OUT IN CENTRAL JAVA

12. (U) On the evening of Friday, August 7, Indonesian police raided a house Temanggung, Central Java, believed to be the hideout of wanted terrorist Noordin Top. (Note: Top, Indonesia's most wanted fugitive, is the suspected mastermind of the July 17 bombings at Jakarta's JW Marriott and Ritz Carlton hotels. He is also suspected of involvement in earlier attacks.) Elite anti-terror unit Detachment-88 and other police elements conducted the operation that resulted in a lengthy shoot-out with suspected militants holed up inside.

RAID IN JAKARTA SUBURB

(U) In another August 7 operation, anti-terror units raided a suspected militant safe house in Bekasi, a suburb east of Jakarta. Authorities killed two suspected militants and seized around 500kg of explosives in the operation. Media reports claimed that militants were using the house to prepare for additional attacks.

AWAITING OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

14. (U) Most media sources have reported that Noordin Top was killed in the Central Java raid. However, officials have yet to confirm his death. Mission will continue to monitor the situation and remains in contact with law-enforcement officials in an effort to confirm Top's death and other details of the operations. HUME